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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 6, 2001**

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Sir:

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated June 6, 2001. Please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 29-48 are pending and claims 39-48 have been withdrawn from consideration, leaving claims 29-38 at issue. Of the claims at issue, claim 29 is the only independent claim. Attachment A submitted herewith shows the claims at issue.

**REJECTION OF THE CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Office action dated June 6, 2001, rejected claims 29-38 as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. The applicants respectfully traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

As an initial matter, the applicants note that the general claim limitation of first and second ends having first and second surface geometries that mate with one another was originally presented in claim 10 of Amendment A, which was filed on November 15, 2000.